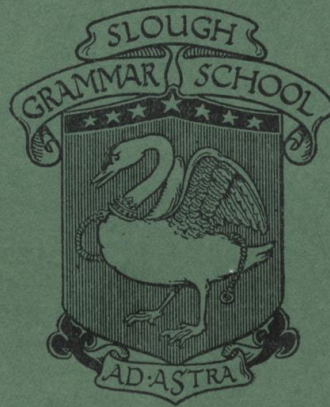


# THE SWAN



JULY 1949

No. 15



## CONTENTS

### THE SCHOOL YEAR

	Page		Page
School Notes .....	1	Music .....	4
In Memoriam .....	2	Cadet Camp, 1948 .....	5
Salvete and Valet .....	2	Sociological Society .....	5
Speech Day, 1948 .....	3	The Puppet Society .....	5
School Prefects, 1948-9 .....	4	School Dramatic Society .....	6
House Officials, 1948-9 .....	4	"Backstage," by D. Roper-Lowe .....	6

### GAMES and ATHLETICS

	Page
Football, 1948-9 .....	8
Athletics, 1949 .....	10
Swimming, 1948 and 1949 .....	14
Cricket, 1949 .....	15
Cross-Country Running .....	16
Rowing, 1949 .....	16

### THE OLD PALUDIANS

	Page
News from Old Boys .....	21
Annual General Meetings .....	22
Old Pals Football Club .....	23
Old Pals Hockey Club .....	23
Old Pals Cricket Club .....	24
Old Pals Junior Social Club .....	24

(Continued inside back cover)

THE MAGAZINE OF SLOUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL

## THE SWAN

NUMBER 15

JULY 1949

### SCHOOL NOTES

Few staff changes have taken place since the issue of the last number of the magazine. In September 1948 Monsieur Jean Grodner replaced Monsieur Caubet as French Assistant. In December Mr. E. P. C. Smith resigned after having served the school faithfully and well as Senior Maths. Master for a period of exactly 30 years. Several generations of pupils will wish him continued good health to enable him to spend in happiness many years of retirement. In January 1949 Mr. G. A. Dickinson took over Mr. Smith's duties as senior maths. master, and Mr. E. Morgan was appointed to complete the mathematical staff. We trust he will be happy in his new appointment and that Monsieur Grodner will enjoy his period of duty here. In February Mr. T. C. R. Evans rejoined the staff after a year's secondment at Cooper's Hill Emergency Training College. On his return Mr. C. T. Fish was transferred, as woodwork instructor, to Iver School.

Examination results were particularly good last year. No less than 76 boys gained School Certificates, of whom 37 qualified for exemption from London Matriculation.

Seven candidates gained Higher School Certificates, of whom six qualified for exemption from either London Inter B.A. or London Inter B.Sc. Michael A. Ford reached Distinction standard in both Applied Maths. and Chemistry, and has been awarded a County Major Scholarship. He expects to enter King's College, London, in October 1949.

Other examination successes include:-

(a) K. M. J. Ball and B. D. Field, who have passed the Civil Service Examination for Engineering Apprentices. In this examination only 180 boys were accepted from over 1,200 candidates.

(b) D. E. Love, R. V. Barwick, and R. A. Bowen have passed the examination for Royal Naval Artificers.

Our thanks and congratulations are again due to all members of the staff for the excellence of the arrangements made to ensure that all the journeys undertaken during Travel Week last July passed off so successfully.

The organisation was carried out once again by Mr. Purvis and Mr. Anderson, assisted by a committee composed of Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Mairs and Mr. Millar.

The Easter tour to the Lake District was this year extended to a fortnight's duration. As the Cumberland Education Committee very kindly placed a Youth Hostel, as well as a school, at our disposal it was possible to increase the number of boys participating to 65. As in previous years Mr. Purvis was the chief organiser of this activity, and he was assisted by several other members of the staff and by a number of Old Boys. We tender our best thanks to them all.

The exchange of pupils between this school and the Lycée at Troyes has been repeated this year, 14 boys from each school taking part. This year, instead of the exchange being made simultaneously by the two schools, our boys went to Troyes for the Spring Term and the French boys are spending the Summer Term here. We feel this is an improvement on last year's arrangements.

The County Education Committee have awarded a Travel Bursary of £10 to E. Cornish to assist him to undertake, and benefit from, the experience of foreign travel during the forthcoming summer holiday. Cornish proposes to visit France.

During the 1948 summer holiday most of the classrooms underwent interior decoration. During the forthcoming holiday it is proposed to paint the exterior of the school.

The Memorial Sports Pavilion Fund has now passed by a small amount the figure aimed at (£1,000). It is expected that the pavilion will be erected early next year.

We cordially acknowledge receipt of: The Windsorian, The Maidonian, Slough High School Magazine, Licensed Victuallers' School Magazine, and The Strodian.



### IN MEMORIAM

We deeply regret to record the deaths of the undermentioned four Governors, or former Governors, of the school. We remember with gratitude the keen interest they took in the administration of the school and tender our sincere sympathy to their respective relatives.

MR. L. S. R. BYRNE, Chairman of the Governors from 1927 until 1947, died at Worthing on 10th September, 1948.

MR. ALFRED DARVILL, a member of the Governing Body since February 1944, died on 20th September, 1948.

MR. E. O. LEWIS, a Governor of the school from 1934 until 1947, died on 24th September, 1948.

SIR HENRY MARTEN, K.C.V.O., Provost of Eton, died on 12th December, 1948. He had been a Governor of the school since 1940.

\*\*\*\*\*

### SALVETE—

P. Anderson, J. Anderson, B. Bailey, P. Bailey, K. Baker, B. Barnes, J. Barnes, F. Barrett, J. Beadle, W. Beal, J. Bird, D. Brimble, D. Brown, P. Burden, D. Burdon, G. Carnochan, D. Clarke, J. Coward, S. Cutts, D. Dolphin, D. Edwards, M. E. Evans, M. J. Evans, B. Farr, G. Fleetwood, M. Flynn, B. Furlong, R. Gibbon, J. Gilbert, C. Giles, R. Giles, L. Glanville, L. Goldfine, D. Greenhow, R. Gregory, M. Griffiths, R. Groome, D. Guest, K. Hall, C. Hamilton, B. Hill, G. Hine, J. Hobbs, R. Humphries, A. Jones, D. Jones, J. Jordon, P. Lawes, I. Lewis, W. Loveday, A. Lowe, R. Lye, J. Mansfield, R. Maton, D. Miles, H. Miles, R. Millis, M. Morgan, G. Murfitt, D. Neal, P. Neal, J. Osborne, M. Paesler, R. Paesler, A. Painter, N. Patchin, D. Pearce, C. Penman, H. Phillips, J. Powell, C. Powell, B. Prescott, D. Pritchard, B. Pulsford, D. Reader, C. Reid, D. Robins, F. Sanders, B. Scard, R. Scott, B. Simmonds, P. Simpson, R. Smith, G. Soal, V. Starks, E. Stevens, A. Taylor, B. Taylor, B. Thorp, M. Thurgood, A. Tulip, J. Turner, J. Waggott, E. Wallner, D. Walton, J. Wallis, P. Ward, D. Webb, D. West, K. Wevill, G. Whiting, C. Wilson, R. Wise, G. Witchell, D. Wotton, B. Wright.

### —AND VALETE

W. Anderson, R.A.F.; K. Ansdell, I.C.I.; D. Austin; R. Barnes, to School in Middlesex; C. Bateman, Electrical Engineering; R. Buckland, Bank; P. Chadwick, Bank; J. Clarke, moved to Berks.; D. Collins, W. H. Smith & Co.; A. Cooper; R. Coulthurst, moved to Glamorgan; A. Culverhouse; G. Doyle; A. Elderfield, Bank; D. Fraenkel, America; E. Garner, Radio Research; J. Grantham; A. Grimley, moved to Windsor County School; M. Groombridge; W. Gutteridge; P. Hemmings; M. James, Bank; D. Jarvis; A. Johnston, Cippenharn School; J. Kitchener, Printing Apprentice; M. Kreegar; E. Love, R.N. Artificer; R. Mallows, moved to Wales; A. Massey, Eton Rural District Council (Housing Admin.); M. Minnion; D. Morgan, Bank; D. Rolls, (transfer); M. Rowlands, Teachers Training College; R. Saunders, (transfer); J. Sexton; R. Staddon; R. Stevens, R.A.F.; B. Stewart;

W. Tutt, transferred to Slough Tech.; A. Webster; M. Webb-Morris, transferred to Woking County School; A. White; D. Wilson, I.C.I. Laboratory Assistant; W. Woodman; B. Young, R.A.F.; M. A. Ford, London University; E. Cornish; K. M. Ball, Civil Service Engineering; B. Field, Civil Service Engineering; R. V. Barwick, R.N. Artificer; R. A. Bowen, R.N. Artificer.

\*\*\*\*\*

### SPEECH DAY 1948

The Annual Speech Day and Prize-giving was held in the School Hall on the 8th of December, 1948, with Alderman Aubrey Ward, the Chairman of the Governors, in the Chair. Many of the Governors were present, although their ranks had been thinned by the death during the year of four good friends of the School, Sir Henry Marten, K.C.V.O., Provost of Eton, Mr. L. S. R. Byrne, Mr. E. O. Lewis, and Mr. Alfred Darville. The parents of prize-winners were also present.

The Headmaster in his Report referred to the continued success of the School in its many activities, and particularly to the exceptionally good School Certificate Examination Results, in which the average number of Credit Marks obtained by all entrants was 5.1 per boy. The School had maintained its high reputation in sport throughout the year, particularly at football in both local and county spheres. Forty-two boys had this year taken part in another successful visit to the Lake District at Easter, and during the Summer Term the intricate organisation of another Travel Week was again undertaken with conspicuous success. Twelve boys had attended the Lycee de Troyes, France, during the Summer Term, under an exchange arrangement, while twelve French boys became members of our School.

Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, Bart., D.S.O., M.V.O., kindly presented the prizes, and in his speech advised the boys not to regard their period in the Forces as a lost year but as a new experience in life.

The School Choir, directed by Mr. Harries, entertained the audience with unison songs, and a quartet composed of E. Deans, G. Holmes, D. Bowers, and I. Evans sang two-part songs.

### AWARDS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st JULY, 1948

Form IIc.—Roylance, D. A. (Prize); Pomfret, D., Morgan, W. A. F. (Certificates.)  
Form IIb.—Fraenkel, D. G. (Prize); Gittens, G. J., Jackson, T. A. (Certificates.)  
Form IIa.—Cooper, P. (Prize); Clinch, B. J., Ackrell, B. A. C. (Certificates.)  
Form IIIc.—Colpitts, B. (Prize); King, R. A., Page, D. K. (Certificates.)  
Form IIId.—Barney, G. C. (Prize); Deans, E., Franklin, R. E. (Certificates.)  
Form IIIa.—Johnson, R. M. (Prize); Climer, B. J., Martin, M. G. (Certificates.)  
Form IVc.—Akenhead, A. H. (Prize); Wren, D. J., Muir, A. (Certificates.)  
Form IVb.—Ansdell, D. A. (Prize); Perkins, D., Warwick, B. J. (Certificates.)  
Form IVa.—Killip, J. D. (Prize); Bowers, D. N., Wille, R. N. (Certificates.)  
Low Vc.—Swabey, G. D. (Prize); Hancock, R. B., Hussey, A. S. (Certificates.)  
Low Vb.—Ambrose, C. A. (Prize); Harris, R. S., Seal, P. A. (Certificates.)  
Low Va.—Loring, W. C. (Prize); Wotherspoon, H., Esling, R. H. (Certificates.)

### UPPER FIFTH FORMS

Oxford School Certificate, with Matriculation Exemption.

### PRIZES

(Pupils who reached Credit standard in each of the nine subjects taken.)

Bargent, D. W., Keeping, J. W., Brecknell, D. J., Shelley, R. G., Jewell, D. E., Mayor, G.

### CERTIFICATES.—MATRICULATION STANDARD

Backhurst, A. R., Buckland, R. V., Dyer, E., Gay, B., Massey, A. R. C., Whitfield, J., Ferguson, I. A., Hoxley, H. E., Sergeant, J. B. H., Ashworth, A., Bailey, P. A., Cornish, E. J., Field, B. D., Giles, A. F., Prior, H. A., Woodley, B. E., Fidler, R. H., Saul, M. W., Sexton, J. T., Elderfield, A. W., Ball, K. M. J., Davidson, W. R., Garner, E. C., James, M. P., Varney, P. H., Ansdell, K. F., Ford, J. B., Scott, C. M., Stewart, B., Wordham, M. J.

# CERTIFICATES.—PASS STANDARD

Bridges, A. A., Porterfield, D. A., Rice, D. J., Gutteridge, W. A., Muir, R. A., Webster, A., Burdett, G. J., Duckett, J., Keeble, J. F., Morgan, D. W. J., Cother, R. A., Pottow, G. W. J., Ashley, R. H., Hillman, C. R., Osborne, H. J., Abbott, A. W. G., Collins, D. G., Hemmings, P. M., Mattimoe, D. H., Rollins, D. T., Woodman, W. J. E., Harvey, J. G., Rees, D. T., Culverhouse, A. F. J., Kitchener, J. A., Ridout, P. H., Benjamin, A. A., Doig, C. W., Holford, N. A., Minion, M. A. C., Wilson, D. C.

## OXFORD HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

(Pupils whose names are marked with a \* have reached a sufficiently high standard to qualify for exemption from either the London Inter B.A. or Inter B.Sc. examination.)

### Prizes.

- \*Ford, M. A. ("Distinction" in both Applied Maths. and Chemistry; "Good" in Pure Maths.). Prize presented by H. F. Allen, Esq.
- \*Pearce, E. A. ("Good" in Pure Maths., Biology, Chemistry). Prize presented by H. F. Allen, Esq.
- \*Sherman, S. ("Good" in Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Chemistry). Prize presented by the Headmaster.

### Certificates.

- Blunden, A. G. (Chemistry, Biology).
- \*McCalla, I. (Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Chemistry).
- \*Ohlson, R. J. (Pure Maths., Physics, Biology).
- \*Rowland, M. A. A. (Latin, French, English).

## BUCKS COUNTY MAJOR SCHOLARSHIP.

(Tenable at a University.)

Ford, M. A. Prize presented by Sir Henry Marten, K.C.V.O., Provost of Eton.

### SPECIAL PRIZES.

Music (The Miss P. J. Smith Memorial Prize): Deans, E.  
The "Ford" Cup (for outstanding Voluntary Service to the School): Ford, M.A.  
Swimming Championship Challenge Cup (presented by Alderman A. E. Ward):  
Gutteridge, W. A., Thomas, R. G. (Tied).

\*\*\*\*\*

## SCHOOL PREFECTS 1948-9

School Captain: A. J. Lucas.

School Vice-Captain: A. J. Lake.

Prefects: A. J. Lucas, A. J. Lake, D. T. Anderson, A. Mabbott, I. McCalla, A. P. Carr, W. Eastwell, J. D. Newson, R. Miles, D. Brecknell, I. Ferguson, J. F. Davis, D. C. Hossack, R. H. Fidler, C. Scott, J. Keeping, D. Admans, J. R. Barnard, P. Bailey, B. Lilley.

\*\*\*\*\*

## HOUSE OFFICIALS 1948-9

Gray.—Captain: I. Ferguson; Vice-Captain: A. J. Lucas; Secretary: Matthias.  
Hampden.—Captain: D. Anderson; Vice-Captain: D. Bester; Secretary: J. Barnard.  
Herschel.—Captain: G. Burdett; Vice-Captain: J. Dowling; Secretary: A. Mabbott.  
Milton.—Captain: D. Allen; Vice-Captain: R. Neale; Secretary: J. Davis.

\*\*\*\*\*

## MUSIC

At the Slough Schools Festival this year, the School Choir sang with its usual high standard of perfection.

The Thursday lunch-time gramophone recital, introduced during the past year, has met with considerable success. It is gratifying to note that each week the programme has been presented by a different boy. Next term this feature will be held fortnightly and will alternate with Piano recitals to be given by Mr. Harries.

The plan to arrange evening trips to the Albert Hall during the forthcoming Promenade Concert season has been enthusiastically received by a large number of boys. It is hoped that this venture will become a permanent feature in the musical life of the school.

J. H. H.

## HOUSE SHIELDS



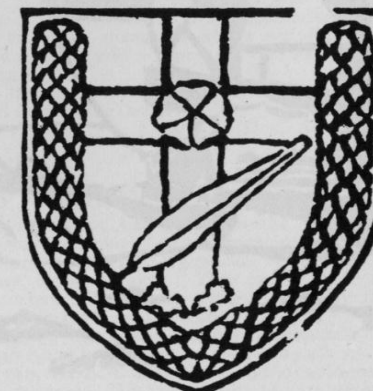
GRAY



HAMPDEN



HERSCHEL



MILTON





### CADET SUMMER CAMP 1948

Last year 30 cadets from the School Company spent a week of blazing sunshine at Roman Way Army Cadet Camp, one mile south of Colchester. The whole county attended the camp as one formation of five battalions. Other units comprised 1 and 3 Norfolk and 1 and 2/4 Essex Bns., A.C.F.

The Camp was excellently administered and equipped by the Regular Army, under orders issued by G.O.C. East Anglian District, who also allocated Regular Officers to each Cadet Unit to assist with training.

The abnormal heat made the daily coach trips to Clacton, 18 miles away, for sea bathing very popular. Their being free of charge enabled some cadets to go every day.

Our contingent maintained the standards of the Company by gaining 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in the Battalion Tent Competition. The Camp was visited by the G.O.C.-in-C. Eastern Command, G.O.C. East Anglian District, the Colonel of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry (General Sir Bernard Paget, G.C.B., D.S.O., M.C.) and the Chairman and Assistant Secretary of the County Cadet Committee.

This Year the Annual Camp will be located at Felixstowe during the second week in August.

\*\*\*\*\*

### SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

This Society again had a flourishing start to its new year. Many meetings were held to discuss a variety of interesting topics, with a special emphasis on local government affairs. For these debates numerous speakers were invited to supply the necessary material for discussion. They included the Mayor of Slough, Town Clerk, Borough Sanitary Inspector, and Borough Surveyor and what was learnt from these debates showed us how much is done for us by our council without our knowledge of it. We were very grateful for these added interests and no doubt for the future other speakers will explain equally important matters.

At the end of the Autumn term a valuable week was spent in London by four members of this society. Here we were given a series of lectures on World Affairs by such speakers as Professor Arnold Toynbee, Sir John Cockcroft, on Atomic Energy uses, Lord Woolton on the food problems, Sir Stafford Cripps on the Economic Recovery. Other prominent politicians, economists and ambassadors also spoke. This in itself is a new divergence from the normal society's activities but a large amount of information was obtained from it and a repetition of this visit in the near future will be well worth attending.

Much of the success is due to our lively chairman, D. Hossack, who has throughout the year kept the debates at an interesting level.

A. J. LUCAS, (*Hon. Sec.*)

\*\*\*\*\*

### THE PUPPET SOCIETY

The Puppet Theatre Society, formed this year, has given several successful shows to the public. At the moment there are three plays in the repertoire, *Sleeping Beauty*, *The Woodcutter's Daughter*, and *Hamlet*, and B. Sergeant has been asked to write some more plays for us. There are eight puppets. They were made in Czechoslovakia and are owned by W. Bradshaw. The main difficulty met by the boys was suitable lighting but this has been successfully overcome.

The shows have been very well received by our audiences, which included the Slough Fine Arts Society, and we hope to give one to the Governors of the school.

The manipulators are D. Asher, Morgan, Barnett, Bradshaw and Arnold, and their activities have been reported in the local press. We should like to express our thanks for their interest and assistance to Mr. Vincent Evans and Mr. Millar.

The Society anticipates a very successful future.

D. A. JAMES (U.vb)

## THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

During the past school year we have been able to revive the Dramatic Society and two productions have been presented. This revival has been well justified by the energy and enthusiasm of all those connected with the productions. Our aim is to encourage such group activities as an integral part of the school's life.

At Christmas, traditional carols sung by the choir introduced the Wakefield Shepherds' Play presented by the Junior Group, followed by the historical play, Windsor Castle by L. du Garde Peach, played by the Senior Group.

The Juniors went through their play with plenty of spirit and created a good atmosphere.

The Senior Group experienced the thrill of a full costume play. Costumes and wigs, supplied by Chas. H. Fox Ltd., and make-up generously varied with beards and moustaches helped them to give a confident performance of the four scenes of "Windsor Castle". Stockwell, who introduced each scene and played Brother John, Davis as King John and Burdett in an amusing study of the simple Hubert in Scene IV especially pleased the audience. They were well supported by the rest of the caste.

At Easter, we presented the first scene from Shaw's St. Joan and The Farce of the Worthy Pierre Patelin by the Senior Group, and Two Blind Men and a Donkey by the Juniors. The promising performances of James, who portrayed the difficult part of St. Joan with real sympathy and restrained clarity of diction, Scott as de Baudricourt, who had gained greater flexibility of vocal expression, and Stockwell as the crafty lawyer Pierre Patelin, were well supported by their fellow actors.

The Juniors gave a fine performance in their medieval French farce, in which the peculiar antics and expressive ears of the donkey raised many laughs. The fine speaking voice of Griffiths and the amusing characterisations of Thompson and Reader as the two beggars were much appreciated by the audience.

Both at Christmas and at Easter the piece de resistance of the stage-staff was a back-scene representing in the first case a distant view of Windsor Castle designed to scale, and in the second case a remarkably authentic design of a medieval market square. Roper-Lowe superintended the stage lighting with great efficiency.

From these plays we hope to build up a group of actors and technicians to enable us to attempt even more ambitious productions.

### CASTES

#### *The Play of The Yorkshire Shepherds*

Coll, the First Shepherd .....	William A. Morgan.
Gib, the Second Shepherd .....	Peter P. Reader.
Daw, the Third Shepherd .....	Robert Giles.
Mak, the Sheep-stealer .....	Geoffrey Thompson.
Gill, Mak's Wife .....	Brian Simmonds.

#### *Windsor Castle*

Brother John .....	Malcolm B. Stockwell.
Father Anselm .....	Alan P. Carr.
Prior .....	John D. Newson.
King William the First .....	Charles M. Scott.
King John .....	John F. Davis.
Minstrel .....	James B. H. Sergeant.
Servant .....	Denis A. James.
Earl of Arundel .....	David J. Brecknell.
Earl of Salisbury .....	Ronald H. Fidler.
King John of France .....	Anthony R. G. Hewett.
King David of Scotland .....	Derek J. Bester.
King Edward the Third .....	Terence W. S. Groome.
Hubert .....	Geoffrey J. Burdett.
A Foreman .....	Peter M. Chadwick.
The Poet, Chaucer .....	David E. Jewell.

#### *St. Joan*

Robert, Squire of Baudricourt .....	Charles M. Scott.
His Steward .....	John D. Newson.
The Maid .....	Denis A. James.
Bertrand de Poulengey .....	David J. Brecknell.

#### *Two Blind Men and a Donkey*

First Blind Man .....	Geoffrey Thompson.
Second Blind Man .....	Peter P. Reader.
The Comedian .....	Michael Griffiths.
The Donkey .....	Peter Arnold and James Weatherburn.
The Donkey-driver .....	Alan J. Taylor.
The Inn-keeper .....	Roy C. Davey.

#### *The Farce of The Worthy Pierre Patelin*

Pierre Patelin .....	Malcolm B. Stockwell.
Jocaulme .....	Alan P. Carr.
Guillemette .....	James B. H. Sergeant.
Tibald Lambkin .....	Ronald H. Fidler.
The Judge .....	John F. Davis.

Also: Terence Groome, Anthony Abbott, William Eastwell.

Electrician .....	David Roper-Low
Scenery by .....	Brian Stewart, Kenneth Ansdell, Walter Gutteridge, D. Severn and K. J. S. Paterson.
Stage Hands .....	K. J. S. Paterson, V. E. Amos, J. R. Bradley and R. P. Antill.

A. D. P.  
L. J. C.  
M. M.

### BACKSTAGE

It was the evening of the first performance of the first production and most of the caste were new to public performances. The artists wondered if their scenery would be liked by the audience and the stage-hands were fluttering about trying to find a mistake but hoping that no-one would find fault in the scenery. The electrician was mumbling about fuses and overheating and the stage manager padded about in plimsolls telling everybody what to do. The producer came round and a signal was flashed to let the pianist know that we wished him to stop playing. He continued playing, however, and panic reigned temporarily, until eventually the music faded and the producer was able to make his announcement. The stage lights faded in on the scenery . . . the first performance started. There was a gaudy sight behind the scenes, the greens and browns of shepherds costumes mingling with the regal purples and reds of kings. On the whole all went smoothly, the general thought being, "We'll be better next production."

It was the next production, little was different except the costumes and scenery and of course the artists, who were this time supremely confident about the success of their labours. Most of the people backstage were sure that all would go well, after all had we not some experience of a public show before? 'Experience' of two shows only! After the shock the loudspeaker gave us, erupting weird noises instead of reproducing the producer's voice, everything settled down. Then on the third and last performance, about halfway through, a hand appeared round the stage door and a throaty voice muttered, "Take this"; 'this' was a note to the effect that the light used for letting the band know when to stop playing no longer worked. Many such communications passed, and each time a blast of cold air rushed through the door as it was opened, each draught of air causing queer rumblings to arise from the vocal chords of the producers and stage manager. It was found out later that it was the band's fault that the light did not work, not the electricians as was fondly believed at the time. But one can, by reading the local press, see that our efforts were appreciated.

D. A. ROPER-LOWE (U.Va)

## GAMES AND ATHLETICS

### FOOTBALL 1948-49

The 1948-49 season provided much good football and plenty of promise for the seasons to come.

Another outstanding team of fifteen-year-olds was produced (closely followed by the thirteens), and although the Senior and other School teams had not so impressive a record of results, they all maintained the School's tradition of good sportsmanship in victory or defeat.

#### FIRST ELEVEN

A very useful First Eleven was developed, lacking in nothing except perhaps inches. Of the 18 games played 6 were won, 7 drawn and 5 lost. (Goals for 47, against 39). The number of drawn games suggests that the final thrust forward was sometimes lacking—but here again opposing size and weight played their part. Strange that so many of our biggest boys are not our best footballers. . . . The forwards were individually clever, but it took some time to organise a line and when found it had not quite enough sheer strength to protect and complete the consistently good work it did. The defence was as solid and resourceful as ever.

As usual, several boys left at Christmas, but the new members of the side fitted in well. Till he left *D. Jarvis* captained the side, and little need be added to previous comments on this sterling player. Throughout his school career he was outstanding. The spectacular *A. Culverhouse* also left, and *I. Pitman*, who followed him in goal, improved steadily and became a very sound keeper indeed. *M. Woolhouse*, at right back, took his football seriously and contrived to add judgment to his somewhat rugged strength. *I. Pearce* on his left maintained his form and promise of past years. He was a tireless terrier and his kicking was a joy. As in the past, *P. Canon* dominated the middle of the field, after an excellent spell as wing half. His tackling was as clean as ever and he never lost sight or control of the ball; nor did he once waste a pass. *G. Burdett* became the new Captain and he worked really hard to keep the team together by his example and enthusiasm. In the forward line *W. Woodman* was a curiously unobtrusive but highly dangerous goal-scoring centre-forward (14 goals). *J. Dowling*, whether on the wing or in the middle, was a fast hard-working raider (12 goals). *D. Allen* played with real intelligence and football sense. *A. Cooper* did very good work on both wings and *P. Seal* improved steadily and proved a winger of deceptive speed and powerful shooting ability. *M. Limmer* played his usual shrewd football and lacked only weight—which *G. Pottow* provided. *M. Foster* and *D. Perkins* graduated to the side at the end of the season and gained useful senior experience. *A. Hewitt* and *D. Jaques*, *J. Grantham* and *A. Lake* all did good service in defence when they played.

#### COLOURS

Colours were awarded as follows:—

*Jarvis* (Re-award.)

*Second Half-Colour*:—Canon and Dowling.

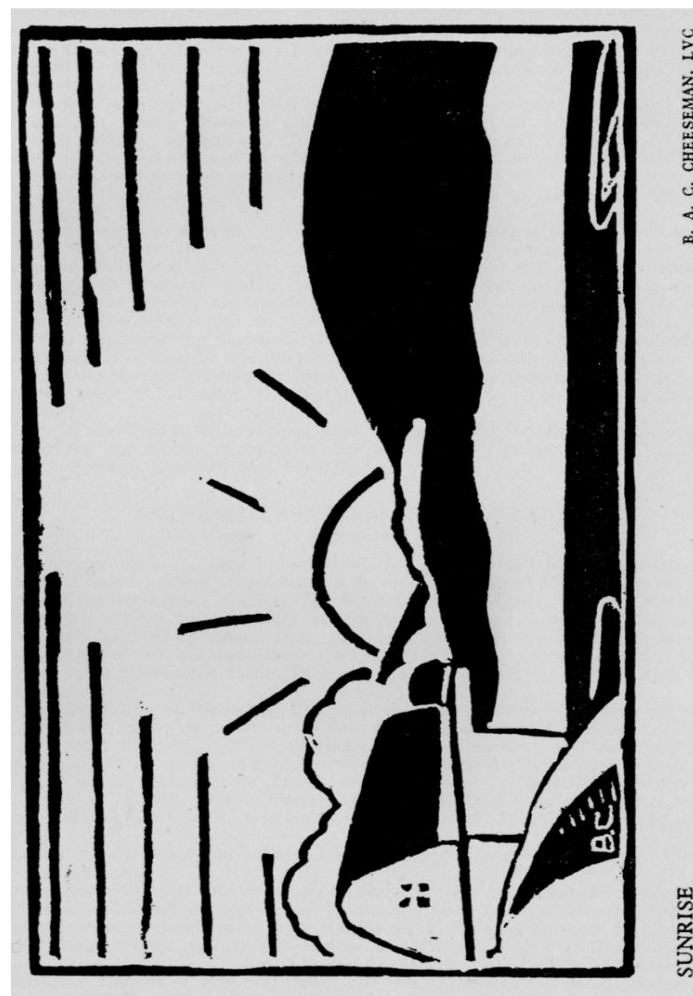
*First Full Colour*:—Pearce, Allen, Woolhouse, Burdett, Pitman, Woodman and Seal.

*First Half-Colour*:—Limmer and Foster.

#### SECOND ELEVEN

In accordance with general policy many boys were given their chance to play for the Second Eleven, though several stalwarts played steadily throughout the season. The worthy regulars included *A. Hewitt*, *D. Morgan*, *B. Young*, *G. Smith*, *C. Marler*, *A. Mabbott*, *P. Bailey*, *H. Wotherspoon*. *D. Jaques* and *B. Ochiltree* proved very good defenders, and the following were amongst those who did well when they played:—*J. Cole*, *D. James*, *R. Angus*, *R. Elvidge*, *A. Lake*, *T. Woods*, *R. Fidler*, *R. Hancock*, *M. Kreeger*, *D. Hill*, *G. Bateman*, *H. Delve*, and *R. Dunster*.

Matches played 21. Won 8. Drawn 3. Lost 10. Goals for 52, against 47.



B. A. C. CHEESEMAN, LVC

SUNRISE

## SENIOR LEAGUE ELEVEN

(Under 15, September 1st, 1948)

Since the post-war resumption of activity in the Slough and District Schools' League we have been consistently successful, and this year the School Eleven have done better than ever. They won the District League Championship and the Bowyer Cup; the Rebel Shield, presented by Slough Town F.C.; and shared the Grenfell Shield, a Maidenhead Trophy. Two boys, *C. Belcher* and *M. Foster*, played for the combined Eleven of Bucks, Berks and Oxford; and when the Slough District Eleven won the Three Counties Cup no less than six of our boys were in the Team:—the defence, *R. Sellars*, *C. Belcher* and *B. Lucas*; half-back, *M. Foster*; and forwards *D. Perkins* and *V. Gillham*. In the English Schools Shield four or five of them played in each round.

*Results*:—Played 14. Won 13. Drawn 1. Lost 0. Goals for 76. Goals against 6.

It was a delight to note the disdain of the boys for League points: each match in the League was taken as a game and the team sought to play copy-book football even against their weakest opponents. *M. Foster* was an excellent centre-half and Captain; *D. Perkins* gained confidence and proved a clever and thrustful winger, well served by *V. Gillham's* shrewd passes. In defence *Sellars*, *Lucas* and *Belcher* were very sound and remarkably speedy. *T. Woods*, *R. Rockett*, and *R. Elvidge* were hard-working forwards, and *R. Angus* did well on the wing when the very promising *R. Hancock* was injured. At half 1. *Hannay* was a tireless worker and *A. Davies*, though tending to wander, played some first-rate football. Others who helped were *P. Arnold*, *D. Walker*, *J. Bench*, *C. Gale*, *P. Lowen* and *J. Harrington*.

Many of the above, with various boys who were old for the Intermediate Team and young for the Senior sides, also did well as the "Junior Eleven" in various games with Egham, Southall and Uxbridge.

## INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE FOOTBALL

(Under 13, September 1st, 1948)

The Intermediate Schools League was this year divided into two sections, and the "Lions" headed Section 'A' without a defeat. In the final play-off for the League Cup against the leaders of Section 'B', William Penn School, we were unfortunate to loose by 2—0 after an extremely hard game in which no respite was given.

The team have every reason to be proud of their season's football, however, for they demonstrated to all onlookers our ideals of playing fast, skilful football, concentrating on team-work rather than on individual stardom, and playing for the enjoyment of the game.

At the beginning of the season five players remained from last year's Eleven, and it was difficult to build up a new team with so much eager talent available. Eventually a fine team of "regulars" was produced, whose passing and combination was (usually) a delight to watch. The team was:—*B. Ackrell* (Captain), *G. Dale*, *D. C. Jones*, *R. Gale*, *D. Ludley*, *D. Clilverd*, *E. Duncan*, *D. Wiles*, *D. J. Smith*, *D. Edwards* and *W. Clark*. The following also represented the "Lions" on occasion, and did extremely well:—*G. Glanville*, *C. Hopkins*, *J. Hancock*, *E. Simpson*, and *R. Arnold*.

*League Match Analysis*:—Played 11. Won 10. Drawn 0. Lost 1. Goals for 66, against 8.

*Jones* has developed into a strong-running winger with real determination and a kick like a mule, and *Ackrell* was a skilful inside-forward who used his brains in distributing the ball. Both these boys should try to develop left-foot kicking as well as right. Shooting was the general weakness, as usual. *Dale* was the inspiration of the attack, as ever, with his dangerous thrusts and clever dribbling. *Duncan*, though only half-pint size, took the ball down the wing and centred well. *Edwards*, the only Second-former in the side, justified his selection by developing into a centre-forward with real thrust and sense of position. *Gale*, steady and reliable and a mighty kicker, always got through a huge amount of work as pivot, and *Clilverd*



has improved into a fine energetic half-back. Ludley's dribbling and placing was masterly. The defence, Wiles, Smith and Clark, was sound and unyielding, the tackling of the backs being particularly good.

So much keenness was shown amongst the junior boys that an unofficial Second Eleven was formed, and played six matches, ably captained by the irrepressible *M. Hall*. This side was used as a "Nursery" team to give possible future players experience in representative matches.

Only two of this year's "Lions" will be available next season, so there will be plenty of places available for those who fancy their skill. M. M.

#### SIX-A-SIDE COMPETITION

The season closed with the School Six-a-Side Tournament, which again provided an afternoon of vigorous and entertaining football, culminating in the Annual Football Tea.

In the Senior Competition the medals went to *P. Canon's* team (Canon, D. Walker, A. Davies, J. Padley-Smith, D. Bovey and C. Marler) which beat *D. Allen's* side (Allen, D. Neal, G. Pottow, W. Jones, R. Hall and W. Loring.)

In the Junior Section victory went to *B. Lucas's* team (Lucas, D. Butler, P. Arnold, P. Hussey, R. Johnson, R. Haisman) which defeated *M. Wheatley's* team (Wheatley, M. Taylor, R. King, G. Glanville, P. Neal, and R. Franklin.)

#### HOUSE FOOTBALL RESULTS

1st—GRAY	38 points.
2nd—Herschel	35 points.
3rd—Milton	31 points.
4th—Hampden	16 points.

\*\*\*\*\*

#### SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS

##### STANDARD TIMES, HEIGHTS AND DISTANCES 1949

	Class I	Class II	Class III
220 Yards .....	27sec.	29sec.	30sec.
880 Yards .....	2min. 25sec.	—	—
High Jump .....	4ft. 8in.	4ft. 3in.	3ft. 9in.
Long Jump .....	17ft. 6in.	14ft. 9in.	13ft.
Javelin .....	115ft.	—	—
Shot .....	40ft.	34ft.	30ft.
Discus .....	85ft.	65ft.	—
Hop, Step and Jump .....	—	—	27ft.

(A competitor who reaches the above standards in any event scores a point for his House towards the Championship.)

#### RECORDS

##### Class I

100 Yards.—*P. J. Rolls* (1946), 11sec.  
 220 Yards.—*F. B. Jackson* (1943), 24.2sec.  
 880 Yards.—*A. J. Lake* (1949), 2min. 9.5sec.  
 High Jump.—*J. H. V. Gecks* (1937), 5ft. 6in.  
 Long Jump.—*P. Ford* (1944), 20ft. 10in.  
 Javelin.—*P. Ford* (1943), 138ft. 2in.  
 Shot.—*P. Ford* (1943), 50ft. 10in.  
 Discus.—*W. H. Dyer* (1940), 107ft. 7½in.  
 One Mile.—*A. J. Lake* (1949), 4min. 50.3sec.

##### Class II

100 Yards.—*T. W. S. Groome* (1948), 11.6sec.  
 220 Yards.—*T. W. S. Groome* (1949), 25.4sec.  
 High Jump.—*P. Arnold* (1949), 4ft. 8½in.  
 Long Jump.—*B. J. Lucas* (1949), 17ft. 10½in.  
 Shot.—*D. F. W. Bridges* (1944), 42ft. 4in.  
 Discus.—*D. F. W. Bridges* (1944), 82ft.

##### Class III

100 Yards.—*B. J. Lucas* (1948), 11.9sec.  
 220 Yards.—*R. E. Faulkner* (1949), 27.5sec.  
 High Jump.—*B. J. Lucas* (1948), 4ft. 4in.  
 Long Jump.—*B. J. Lucas* (1948), 15ft. 8½in.  
 Shot.—*I. Jones* (1947), 38ft. 9in.  
 Hop, Stop and Jump.—*G. Glanville* (1949) 29ft. 0½in.

#### SPORTS DAY, MAY 25th, 1949

The rain which had been threatening all the week held off for this one afternoon, and we were able to enjoy the excellent performances of our athletes in warm and sunny weather. The organisation was almost perfect, and a notable improvement was the introduction of a loud-speaker van, by means of which parents and boys were able to note results and times, and to follow the progress of their favourites in the House Championship. Mr. Llewellyn diverted the spectators by his admirable performance at the microphone.

Only five points separated the first three Houses in the House Championship, which was eventually won by Gray with 86 points, Hampden gaining 83 and Herschel 81. Grays won all three Relay Races.

No less than seven School Records were broken either on Sports Day or during the preliminary heats. In Class I (over 15 years) *A. J. Lake* put up a fine performance in the Half-Mile to beat his great rival *I. Ferguson* by 2 yards and to establish a new record of 2 min. 9.5 sec. He also broke *Ferguson's* record in the Open Event, the 1 Mile Handicap.

In Class II (13½ to 15 years) *T. W. S. Groome* knocked 1 second off the 220 yards record by clocking 25.4 sec. in a heat, *B. J. Lucas* jumped 17ft. 10½in. in the Long Jump, a new record, and *P. Arnold* accomplished his ambition in breaking the High Jump record with 4ft. 8½in.

*R. E. Faulkner* in Class III (Under 13½ years) lowered the 220 yards record twice during the preliminary heats, his fastest time being 27.5 sec.

The Individual Champion was *D. T. Anderson* for the second year, and for this feat he retains the Johnson Cup. He won the 100 yards, 220 yards and Discus, and was third in the Long Jump, gaining 14 points. Runner-up was *D. Jaques* (10 points) who gained three seconds and a fourth in Field events.

In Class II most points were gained for his House by *B. J. Lucas* (16 points). He came second in the two sprints and the High Jump, and won the Long Jump with a record jump, also gaining standards in the three latter events. *Lucas* holds the Smith Cup for this achievement. Close behind him with 14 points came *P. W. Goodall*, who was well placed in 5 events out of the 6 possible. He also achieved standards in all five. Both these boys are to be congratulated on their fine all-round performances.

The most spectacular winner was in Class III, where *R. E. Faulkner* scored no less than 23 points out of a possible 24. He entered for 5 events, won 4 and was second in the other. He also achieved standards in all these events, and was a member of the winning Gray Relay team. For this remarkable performance he holds the Steil Cup for a year as unofficial Champion of Class III.

At the conclusion of the Sports, Mrs. A. T. Carr graciously presented the Championship Cups and replicas, the prizes and the Certificates. This year we were able to re-introduce the award of prizes as well as certificates to all winners.

#### DETAILED RESULTS

##### House Championship (Headmaster's Cup)

	Class I	Class II	Class III	Total
1st: Gray	20	31	35	86 points
2nd: Hampden	35	26	22	83 points
3rd: Herschel	26	42	13	81 points
4th: Milton	29	1	21	51 points

# Individual Championship (Johnson Cup)

1st: D. T. Anderson, 14 points; 2nd: D. Jaques, 10 points; 3rd: D. Rees, 9 points; 4th: A. Mabbott, 8 points.

## Highest number of points gained for House:

Class II (Smith Cup)		Class III (Steil Cup)	
1st: B. J. Lucas (G.)	16 points	R. E. Faulkner (G.)	23 points
2nd: P. W. Goodall (Ha.)	14 points	D. J. Wiles (He)	8 points
3rd: L. Williams (He)	12 points	G. Glanville (Ha)	6 points
4th: I. Jones (He)	10 points	R. Groome (M)	6 points

## INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

(Boys whose names are printed in italics gained standards)

CLASS I (OVER 15)		
100 yards	220 yards	880 yards
1. D. Anderson (Ha.)	1. D. Anderson (Ha.)	1. A. Lake (He.)
2. D. Rees (G.)	2. D. Rees (G.)	2. I. Ferguson (G.)
3. A. Mabbott (He.)	3. D. Bester (Ha.)	3. R. Rowell (He.)
4. D. Bester (Ha.)	4. A. Mabbott (He.)	4. R. Davey (G.)
11.1 secs.	26.1 secs.	2 mins. 9.5 sec. (Record)
220 yards Additional Standards (27 secs.): <i>J. Padley-Smith</i> (Ha.), <i>W. Eastwell</i> (Ha.)		

### High Jump

1. G. Mayor (M.)
  2. D. Rees (G.)
  3. A. Mabbott (He.)
  4. J. Newton (Ha.)
- 5 ft. 0 ins.

### Long Jump

1. D. Bester (Ha.)
  2. D. Jaques (M.)
  3. D. Anderson (Ha.)
  4. A. Mabbott (He.)
- 16 ft. 11½ ins.

### Javelin

1. R. Neale (M.)
  2. P. Seal (Ha.)
  3. A. Mabbott (He.)
  4. D. Jaques (M.)
- 134 ft. 5 ins.

### Shot

1. R. Day (M.)
  2. D. Jaques (M.)
  3. D. Reader (He.)
  4. R. Miles (He.)
- 39 ft. 2½ ins.

### Discus

1. D. Anderson (Ha.)
  2. D. Jaques (M.)
  3. C. Scott (M.)
  4. R. Miles (He.)
- 100 ft. 5 ins.

### 1 mile Handicap (Open)

1. A. Lake (Scr.)
  2. G. Burdett
  3. F. Holness
  4. W. Loring
- 4 m. 50.3 sec. (Record)

## CLASS II (AGED 13½ TO 15)

100 yards	220 yards	High Jump
1. T. W. S. Groome (G.)	1. T. W. S. Groome (G.)	1. P. Arnold (He.)
2. B. J. Lucas (G.)	2. B. Lucas (G.)	2. B. Lucas (G.)
3. S. Holness (He.)	3. P. Goodall (Ha.)	3. L. Williams (He.)
4. I. Jones (He.)	4. D. Walker (He.)	4. P. Goodall (Ha.)
11.7 secs.	25.8 secs.	4 ft. 8½ ins. (Record)
220 yards Standard (29 secs.) also by: <i>G. Goss</i> (Ha.), <i>I. Jones</i> (He.)		
High Jump Standard (4 ft. 3 in.) also by: <i>I. Jones</i> (He.), <i>J. Wallis</i> (He.), <i>G. Goss</i> (Ha.), <i>T. Smith</i> (Ha.)		

### Long Jump

1. B. Lucas (G.)
  2. P. Goodall (Ha.)
  3. P. Arnold (He.)
  4. I. Jones (He.)
- 17 ft. 1 in.

### Shot

1. L. Williams (He.)
  2. D. Walker (He.)
  3. P. Goodall (Ha.)
  4. I. Jones (He.)
- 41 ft. 3 ins.

### Discus

1. R. King (Ha.)
  2. L. Williams (He.)
  3. I. Jones (He.)
  4. P. Goodall (Ha.)
- 72 ft. 6 ins.

Long Jump Standard (14 ft. 9 in.) also gained by: *G. Goss* (Ha.)

Shot Standard (34 ft.) also gained by: *R. Sellar* (G.)

Discus Standard (65 ft.) also by: *P. Arnold* (He.), *G. Hunt* (G.)

In heats B. Lucas broke the 220 yards record with 26.2 secs., and T. Groome broke this record with 25.4 secs.

In the Long Jump heats B. Lucas set up a new record with 17 ft. 10½ ins.

## CLASS III (UNDER 13½ YEARS)

100 yards	220 yards	High Jump
1. R. Faulkner (G.)	1. R. Faulkner (G.)	1. C. Weatherhead (Ha.)
2. B. Clinch (Ha.)	2. R. Groome (M.)	2. R. Faulkner (G.)
3. R. Groome (M.)	3. M. Hall (M.)	3. A. Painter (G.)
4. D. Cooper (G.)	4. J. Ebbage (M.)	4. E. Simpson (Ha.)
12.3 secs.	28.0 secs.	4 ft. 3 ins.
High Jump Standard (3 ft. 9 ins.) also by: <i>D. Brown</i> (M.), <i>B. Hill</i> (M.), <i>J. Gilbert</i> (G.), <i>K. Baker</i> (Ha.), <i>G. Glanville</i> (Ha.), <i>R. Smith</i> (Ha.)		

### Long Jump

1. R. Faulkner (G.)
  2. D. Wiles (He.)
  3. J. Ebbage (M.)
  4. B. Hill (M.)
- 14 ft. 3½ ins.

### Shot

1. R. Faulkner (G.)
  2. G. Lake (He.)
  3. B. Colpitts (G.)
  4. B. Clinch (Ha.)
- 37 ft. 11 ins.

### Hop, Step and Jump

1. G. Glanville (Ha.)
  2. D. Wiles (He.)
  3. R. Franklin (M.)
  4. M. Hall (M.)
- 29 ft. 0½ ins. (Record)

Shot Standard (30 ft.) also gained by *R. Arnold* (Ha.)

In the 220 yards heats R. E. Faulkner broke his own record with 27.5 secs.

## CLASS III (UNDER 12 YEARS)

100 yards	220 yards
1. P. Anderson (G.)	1. P. Anderson (G.)
2. A. Taylor (M.)	2. A. Taylor (M.)
3. M. Thurgood (G.)	3. H. Phillips (He.)
4. H. Phillips (He.)	
14.5 secs.	31.8 secs.

## RELAY RACES

### Class 1 (110, 220, 110, 440 yards):

- 1st Gray (R. Ashley, D. Rees, W. Loring, I. Ferguson).
- 2nd Hampden.
- 3rd Herschel.
- 4th Milton.

### Class 2 (110, 220, 110, 220 yards):

- 1st Gray (G. Hunt, B. Lucas, P. Reader, T. Groome).
- 2nd Hampden.
- 3rd Herschel.
- 4th Milton.

### Class 3 (4 x 110 yards):

- 1st Gray (D. Cooper, P. Anderson, B. Ackrell, R. Faulkner).
- 2nd Milton.
- 3rd Hampden.
- 4th Herschel.

At the London Athletic Club's Public Schools Championships, held at the White City on April 23rd, 1948, T. W. S. Groome was third in his heat in the 100 yards, being beaten by the eventual winner, and in the 250 yards was first in his heat, first in the Semi-Final, and fourth in the Final.

## SLOUGH & DISTRICT SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC SPORTS 1949 (At Community Centre Stadium, June 15th, 1949)

Three Meet Records were broken by our boys:-

In Group 5 (15 to 17 years) *W. Loring* broke the record by winning the 440 yards in 57.4 secs.

In Group 4 (13 to 15) *T. W. S. Groome* broke the 220 yards record with 25.2 secs., and *B. J. Lucas* broke the Long Jump record at 17 ft. 9½ ins.

In the Inter-School Championships we were placed as follows:

Group 5: 1st, equal with Technical School.

Group 4: 1st.

Group 3: Unplaced.

## DETAILED RESULTS

### Group 5:

100 yds.: D. Bester 2nd, D. Rees 3rd.  
220 yds.: D. Bester 2nd, R. Ashley 4th.  
440 yds.: W. Loring 1st, G. Burdett 4th. 57.4 secs. (Record).  
880 yds.: G. Burdett 2nd by a foot, R. Rowell 4th.  
Hurdles: D. Rees 2nd, R. Davey 3rd.  
Long Jump: R. Ashley 1st.  
High Jump: G. Mayor 2nd, J. B. Ford 3rd.  
Relay: 2nd (R. Ashley, D. Rees, W. Loring, D. Bester).

### Group 4:

100 yds.: T. Groome 1st, B. Lucas 2nd by a foot.  
220 yds.: T. Groome 1st, R. Faulkner 2nd. 25.2 secs. (Record).  
880 yds.: F. Holness 2nd.  
Long Jump: B. Lucas 1st, 17 ft. 9½ ins. (Record).  
High Jump: P. Arnold 3rd.  
Relay: 1st (R. Faulkner, J. Ray, Lucas, T. Groome).

### Group 3 (11 to 13):

80 yds.: B. Ackrell 3rd, R. Groome 5th.  
150 yds.: M. Hall 3rd.  
Long Jump: D. Wiles 5th.  
High Jump: A. Painter 3rd, C. Weatherhead 4th.  
Relay: 3rd (R. Groome, J. Mansfield, Ackrell, Hall).

### Group 2 (Under 11):

80 yds.: P. Anderson 3rd.

\*\*\*\*\*

## SWIMMING GALA 1948

At the Annual Swimming Gala held 24th June, 1948, we had an opportunity of seeing that the high standard of swimming in the school has been well maintained this year.

The times for the various competition events compare well with those for the last 6 years and in two cases the record was beaten.

J. Curin, a welcome representative of our "visitors," did the 1 length back stroke in 25 sec.—2.2 sec. faster than the previous record.

The other new record was in the House Relay where the time was a 5 sec. improvement on the previous best.

In the House Championship, based on all the competition events, Herschel were in the lead from the start; the final placing was:—

1st—Herschel	36 points.
2nd—Milton	28 points.
3rd { Gray	13 points each.
Hampden }	

## SUMMARY OF RESULTS

### OPEN EVENTS

200 Yards.—1. E. A. Pearce; 2. R. G. Thomas; 3. A. J. Lucas. Time: 3 min. 19 sec.  
100 Yards (Free Style).—1. R. G. Thomas; 2. E. A. Pearce; 3. D. J. Rees. Time: 1 min. 29.5 sec.  
One Length (Breast Stroke).—1. M. A. Ford; 2. E. A. Pearce; 3. A. J. Lucas. Time: 25.4 sec.  
One Length (Free Style).—1. W. A. Gutteridge; 2. R. G. Thomas; 3. D. J. Rees. Time: 22.2 sec.  
One Length (Back Stroke).—1. J. Curin; 2. E. Dyer; 3. M. A. Ford. Time: 25.0 sec.  
Diving.—1. A. P. Soar; 2. W. A. Gutteridge; 3. R. G. Thomas.  
Plunge.—1. W. A. Gutteridge; 2. A. P. Soar; 3. M. A. Ford. Distance: 37 ft. 11 ins.  
Springboard Diving.—1. A. P. Soar; 2. W. A. Gutteridge; 3. R. G. Thomas.  
"Horse-back" Tournament.—Winners: M. A. Ford and E. A. Pearce.

Diving for Plates.—1. J. Knight; 2. M. A. Ford; 3. J. Doyle.  
Inter-House Relay.—1. Herschel; 2. Gray; 3. Hampden; 4. Milton. Time: 1 min. 39.5 sec.  
Two Lengths (Breast and Back Stroke), Class II.—1. J. Knight; 2. J. Armstrong; 3. A. P. Soar. Time: 1 min. 5.5 sec.  
One Length (Free Style), Class II.—1. J. Knight; 2. R. G. Thomas; 3. A. P. Soar. Time: 20.9 sec.  
Diving, Class II.—1. R. G. Thomas; 2. A. P. Soar; 3. J. Knight.  
One Length (Free Style), Class III.—1. D. Ewen; 2. D. Roylance; 3. D. Ludley. Time: 26.0 sec.  
One Length (Breast Stroke), Class III.—1. G. Hunt; 2. D. Pearce; 3. D. Roylance. Time: 31.0 sec.  
Diving, Class III.—1. D. Roylance; 2. E. Deans; 3. G. Hunt.  
Individual Championship (A. E. Ward Challenge Cup).—1. R. G. Thomas and W. A. Gutteridge 8 points; 3. E. A. Pearce 7 points; 4. M. A. Ford and A. P. Soar 5 points.

## SLOUGH & DISTRICT SCHOOLS SWIMMING GALAS

JULY 1948

We sent a small team of enthusiastic swimmers to this gala; competition was keen and they did well in achieving the following results:—

Intermediate Diving—E. Deans, 4th.

Senior Diving—A. P. Soar, 3rd.

One Length Free Style—R. G. Thomas, 4th.

Team Race—3rd.

Open 100 yards—R. G. Thomas, 3rd; E. A. Pearce, 4th.

Plunge—A. P. Soar, 1st; W. A. Gutteridge, 4th.

MAY 1949

The Senior and Open Sections of the Gala being held early this year, we are able to include the results. Our team, again a small one, achieved creditable results:—

Senior Diving—G. H. Middle, 4th.

Two Lengths (Breast and Back Stroke)—D. J. Russell, 2nd.

Open 100 yards—J. Knight, 2nd; R. G. Thomas, 4th.

Plunge—A. P. Soar, 1st; D. J. Russell, 2nd.

\*\*\*\*\*

## CRICKET COLOURS 1948

### FIRST ELEVEN

Second Half Colour.—H. Prior (Capt.), A. Benjamin, L. Roberts, R. Buckland.  
Full Colours.—Culverhouse, Jeffries.

First Half Colour.—R. Ohlson, D. Hossack, I. Ferguson, D. Jarvis (Capt. 2nd XI).

### CRICKET 1949

#### FIRST ELEVEN

R. Fidler (Captain), G. Burdett (Vice-Captain), V. Amos, D. Allen, R. Neale, G. Mayor, I. Pearce, D. Hossack, P. Canon, P. Seal, R. Miles.  
Results to date:

v. Marlow. Won. School 90. Marlow 33 (Seal 2 for 4, Canon 5 for 11).

v. Egham. Won. Egham 54 (Seal 4 for 13). School 62 (Burdett 29).

v. Wycombe R.G.S. Lost. School 30. Wycombe 125 for 7.

v. Marlow. Won. Marlow 34 (Mayor 2 for 0, Amos 2 for 7). School 77 (Neale 23).

v. Windsor C.S. Lost. School 68. Windsor 69 for 1.

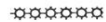
v. Slough C.C. Juniors. Lost. School 41 (Amos 12). Slough 52 for 4 (Seal 3 for 18).

#### SECOND ELEVEN

Team from: D. T. Anderson (Capt.), J. B. Ford, J. Cole, H. Cory, R. Day, H. Wotherspoon, Robotham, J. Bailey, Abbott, J. Padley-Smith, A. Mabbott, D. Jaques.

**Results :**

- v. Marlow. Won. Marlow 52 (Cory 2 for 0). School 78 (Jaques 26, Ford 21).
- v. Egham. Lost. School 12. Egham 15 for 4.
- v. Wycombe R.G.S. Won. Wycombe 56. School 82 (Ford 31).
- v. Marlow. Won. Marlow 49 (Anderson 3 for 7). School 52 for 6 (Cole 28).
- v. Windsor County. Lost. Windsor 87 (Wotherspoon 6 for 16). School 85 (Cole 23).
- v. Wycombe R.G.S. Won. School 97. Wycombe 44.



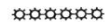
### CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

The outstanding runner this season in Junior Cross-country matches has been F. Holness.

A. J. Lake was eighth in the Bucks A.A.A. Cross-country Championship, and while still at school, was selected as a member of the County A.A.A. Senior Team in the Inter-Counties Competition held at Manchester.

### HOUSE CROSS-COUNTRY RESULTS

- 1st—Herschel, 570 points.
- 2nd—Milton, 675 points.
- 3rd—Gray, 728 points.
- 4th—Hampden, 758 points.



### ROWING 1949

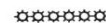
A new experiment was made during the summer term in the type of sport which is of interest to the Upper Forms.

About 10 members of the VIth form descended upon the Eton Excelsior Rowing Club where use was made of the valuable facilities of this active body. Within a short space of training a presentable "four" was formed which is now in training for an autumn regatta.

It is also proposed that various fixtures should be obtained with other local schools especially Windsor County Boys who share in the same boathouse, thus providing keen rivalry.

Our thanks must go to the Eton Excelsior Club, for without their valuable assistance and coaching this recreation might not have come our way.

A. J. LUCAS (*Captain of Boats*)



### A SCHOOL ANTHOLOGY

#### QUEL BEAU TEMPS!

Le soleil d'été rayonne  
Sur tous les champs de Garonne  
Où la vigne sent si bonne.  
Quel beau temps!

Le soleil jaunit le blé,  
Dans les champs plats de Calais  
On voit les paysans creuser.  
Quel beau temps!

Ce temps est aimé des vaches,  
Qui broutent les herbes fraîches  
Les lapins sortent des caches.  
Quel beau temps!

Les petits et grands bateaux  
Pêchent dans les calmes eaux  
Près du vieux port de Bordeaux.  
Quel beau temps!

J. BRADLEY (U.Va)



A. P. CARR, UVI

LAKELAND SCENE





TIME & TIDE

R. OLIVER, LVC

## HOLIDAY IN HOLLAND

The weather which accompanied the XIVth Olympiad had been superseded by black sullen clouds and a cold wind; the inevitability of rain weighed as heavy on our minds as the rucksacks on our backs and they contained all the necessities for a fortnights' holiday. The rough brick pavement broadened out as we entered the market square of Alkmaar, where the famous cheese market is held. On the northern side of the square was the large Stadhuis (town hall). The western and eastern sides together with the Stadhuis formed a perfect example of seventeenth century Dutch architecture, while the southern side consisted of a pre-cast concrete bus station, surely a good example of non-planning.

We left Alkmaar round about noon on a single decker bus (it carried fifty seated passengers) to make the journey to Leeuwarden 75 miles away. After about forty minutes we reached Wieringen at the western end of the IJssel Meer dyke, everybody disembarked and had coffee in a nearby café. As the bus moved on the storm broke reaching its full force as we turned on to the dyke proper. Midway across the thirty-mile long road the bus stopped and refused to start no matter what the driver tried. In the pouring rain the only alternative was for him to wait for a bus in the opposite direction to take him back to Wieringen and fetch another bus. We sat in the bus for two hours with the Wadden Zee and the IJssel Meer pounding with utmost regularity on the thin dyke on which we were stranded. For the remaining fifty miles the driver appeared possessed, for he covered them, including a stop in Harlingen, in a little over the hour. I was glad to step out in one piece and with my stomach still in its proper place.

We stayed the night at Leeuwarden and the next day caught another bus, a gigantic monster resembling an elongated furniture van, which at a conservative estimate carried a hundred passengers to Molwerd. After walking a hundred yards along the mole ankle deep in cold sea water we reached the "landing stage". As we arrived a full boat came in from Nes on the island of Ameland. For the next fifteen minutes the pier became the scene of an enormous rugger scrum, three hundred trying to get off and three hundred trying to get on at the same time with only one gangway between them. The words "orderly queue" have no equivalent in Dutch. We eventually did get on, further inspection revealed that the boat possessed no life-boats or other life-saving apparatus of any kind and when fully loaded the deck was only a few inches above sea level. Fortunately we reached Nes safely and arrived at "De Kleine Grie," a hostel of the Dutch youth hostel association, in time for a good supper.

D. HOSSACK, UPPER VI

## MY FIRST BICYCLE RIDE

My first cycle ride possessed many of the thrills of the Scenic Railway. It started suddenly with a jerk, pursued a rapid and decidedly erratic course and ended up where it started, although it might be, perhaps, a little better to qualify the statement and say that the bicycle ended up where it started. I parted company with the machine a little before the end of the journey. I had noticed that many beginners have difficulty in dismounting, but in all truth I may say that I descended rapidly from the saddle with no difficulty whatsoever, although I was afterwards informed that my style was a little unorthodox. I was, however, led to believe that I was a cyclist of no mean abilities, for an entirely dispassionate observer informed me, in a manner which showed he was speaking truthfully, that he had seen me do things with a bicycle that he had never seen done before.

I found during the course of my experiments, which were many and varied, that the old fashioned velocipede must have had its points,—chiefly in that it was not necessary to remove both of one's feet from the ground. To illustrate this latter point an encounter with a small dog of dark appearance and doubtful pedigree will serve. I was proceeding in an easterly direction when the animal in question came in sight approaching rapidly—too rapidly—on the port bow. We came into contact with some violence and then I was airborne; I hit the deck in a pancake landing a few feet away. This, I repeat, would not have happened with a velocipede. But still, as the dictionary reference column says,—*cucullus non facit monachum*,—and neither does an upturned bicycle make a cyclist, so I arose and tried again.

The small size of the cycle served to take much out of the sting of parting, but it had its disadvantages in a low gear and accordingly in the ease with which pedestrians caught up and went past. Speed, as I found to my cost, was not to come without experience. Centrifugal force was an enemy which an unaccustomed sense of balance could not readily overcome at first. The first time I encountered a speed wobble I shall not forget. I was going down a hill when the front wheel went to the left. I turned it straight and went to the right. Then it repeated the action several times swiftly. When I got up again I was feeling quite disposed to give it up for the time being. The combination of a first cycle ride and a hard saddle had definitely left a lasting impression on my mind.

A. ROBSON (U.Vb)

### THE MOUNTAIN STREAM

From springs on high it bubbles forth,  
Tossing, tumbling, now with froth,  
That creamy white the young stream crown  
The mountain side it crashes down.  
With pools secluded cool and deep,  
Water clear and fast asleep.  
The main stream follows down its course  
Among the rocks and grass and gorse,  
Crashing down the steeper slopes,  
But on the flat along it lopes.  
A side stream enters here and there,  
Which water from small springs does bear,  
Into the mainstreams bed 'tis tossed  
And is among its waters lost.  
On either side upon its banks  
Stand beech trees of majestic ranks,  
Shading the waters as they run  
From the golden rays of the noonday sun.  
Between their branches sunlight streams,  
And on the bubbling water gleams,  
Studding the young streams crown with pearls  
As round and round in pools it whirls.  
Fresh green grass at the beech trees roots  
Hides the flowers and spring time shoots.  
All is perfect, all is gay,  
By this mountain stream on a mid-spring day.

R. E. DAY (U.Va)

### THE MIDNIGHT MAIL

Out of the depths of a Winter's night,  
When eerie noises crept,  
And any sound would give a fright  
To any one who slept.  
As shadows lengthened into shapes,  
Upon the moonlit lane,  
A broken gate in darkness gaped:  
I turned to look again.  
I stood aghast at what I saw,  
For there, with mighty speed,  
Rushed by a nightmare dinosaur,  
An iron-coated steed.  
As in the distance faint it grew,  
I saw it once again,  
As on the wind there softly blew,  
The whistle of a train.

M. GRIFFITHS, (Iia)

### THE CLOCK

The stately clock hangs on the wall,  
Telling the hours that fly.  
It cares not for the winter rain,  
Nor for the summer sky.  
The worries of the world around,  
Affect it not at all.  
I wonder, has it any thoughts,  
As it hangs on the wall.

B. SCARD (Iib)

### THE BURNING BARN

From a spark, to a flicker,  
With the smoke eddying thicker  
With flames that twisted and leaped so high.  
Fleeing onwards towards the sky,  
With a crackling, snapping and the walls so black,  
The great oak beams began to crack;  
And across the barn the big oak door,  
Collapsed a-burning, amid the roar.

R. P. ANTILL (IVa)

### PIGGY WIG

Piggy Wig was getting fat,  
Though he was only eight,  
Said he "I'll take a holiday,"  
"And then I might lose weight."  
And so for miles and miles he tramped,  
Up hill, down dale, all day.  
If any tuck shops came in sight,  
He looked the other way.  
He started off at ninety pounds,  
He weighed himself before.  
Alas! to his dismay he found  
He just weighed ten pounds more.  
He couldn't see that extra weight,  
Was riding on his back.  
The squirrel boys were playing "Trains"  
And riding "Piggy Back."

H. PHILLIPS (Iib)

### THE ANIMALS

By the old thatched farmhouse,  
Underneath the gate,  
Many tiny chickens  
For their dinner wait.  
In the lofty barn house  
Where is stored the hay,  
Many little fat mice,  
Scamper round at play.  
The pigs are grunting in the sty  
Waiting to be fed,  
They hear the food pails chatter  
Outside the feeding shed.  
The sheep are grazing on the moor  
Amid the purple heather,  
The collie with a watchful eye  
Keeps the sheep together.

H. PHILLIPS (Iib)

## FIFTH FORM SERVITUDE

A little man with lungs of brass  
 Conducts our physical training class;  
 His purpose, and his hips are firm,  
 And if the class can last the term,  
 The Fifth Form will be passed as fit;  
 Meanwhile we have to jump to it.  
 So at the tyrant's loud command  
 We inhale, exhale, and expand  
 Until we reach the bending stage—  
 Midst groans and grunts we feel our age.  
 Then when the bending part is done  
 The teams are called upon to run,  
 And off we tumble, doubling round;  
 Then "Halt!" the order echoes round  
 Till the windows rattle and the door;  
 "Hands by the side; down on the floor!"  
 This means a respite—but in vain:  
 They're getting out the mats again!  
 Suddenly we're on our feet,  
 Many a heart does an extra beat,  
 Knowing well, that in a minute,  
 We shall have to try and spin it.  
 The first few try it—an awful bumping!  
 "You're lazy, idle, start skip-jumping!"  
 And so the caustic comments flow,  
 Directed at our heads hung low.  
 "Chest out, hands by the side, don't fold your arms  
 You people never need have qualms  
 About such simple things as these;  
 Why, later on you'll do with ease  
 A hand spring backwards off your knees!"  
 And lo! behold, it's off again,  
 He'll drive the lot of us insane!  
 The box is brought, plus mats galore;  
 It's evident we're in for more.  
 Ah yes! We're on the move again,  
 Hurling ourselves with no restraint  
 Over boxes and under beams,  
 Up and down the ropes in streams  
 Raising legs while hung from bars  
 Dropping down with aches and jars;  
 Hopes are falling; breath is short  
 Team leaders now can only snort;  
 And yet he thinks we are going strong  
 The weaker brethren won't last long—  
 Then "Halt! Stand still." The old repeat  
 Of orders that rest our aching feet.  
 The end has come—we stagger off  
 The word "Dismiss" is quite enough.

D. J. BESTER (U.Vb)

## THE SEASONS

In the Winter snow is here,  
 All is cold and dreary,  
 Till the Spring returns again,  
 Making things more cheery.  
 Then comes Summer Bright and gay,  
 With picnics by the streams.  
 Autumn comes with gusty winds,  
 All Nature sleeps and dreams.

N. PATCHIN (Iib)



AT SEA

A. MUIR, LVC

REHEARSAL



REINHARD PAESLER, LVA

## NEWS FROM OLD BOYS

A letter to the Headmaster from H.M.S. *Vengeance*, then at sea off South Africa, brings news of *H. C. Clarke* (1941-46). In August, 1948, he had been taking part in naval exercises and practising aircraft landings off the coast of Scotland. He then moved to Weymouth to join the Home Fleet for the Autumn Cruise. "We sailed from Weymouth on September 23rd, with twenty other ships, for naval and combined operations along the English Channel. The Fleet split up into two parts after we had been at sea for fourteen days, and two aircraft-carriers and four destroyers went to Freetown, West Africa, while the rest of the ships carried on across the Atlantic to the West Indies and America."

Being on an aircraft-carrier himself, Clarke found that his next port of call was Freetown, and he later visited Cape Town and Durban in South Africa. "Durban," he says, "is mainly run by English families, and the weather there is very wet and hot compared with the dry and hot climate at Cape Town. Food is very cheap down here, but clothes are dear as they are mostly imported goods."

"The people in the Cape Province show great hospitality towards the Royal Navy, and will do anything to help you and to give the lads a good time. The worst thing out here is the drink, which is very strong and in some cases very poisonous."

Clarke hopes that school football is maintaining its high standard, and modestly mentions that there is a fine team on board his ship, which has already carried off two cups in an unbeaten run.

\* \* \* \* \*

*Alan Benjamin* (1943-48) also wrote from South Africa in November (address: 100a Mons Road, Observatory, Johannesburg.) He has taken up accountancy there, but is a little dubious about his proficiency in Maths!

"Since coming from England I have taken up as a career—accountancy! A profession which takes five years of hard studying but the reward of which is really worth it. You possibly will realise my position when recalling the fact that I failed my Maths Exam. This I cannot explain but it does provide an incentive for me to work harder!"

"The life here is an ideal one. This is definitely a land of plenty though the cost of living is amazingly high. Naturally the combination of good food and an ideal climate has resulted in my gaining much surplus weight!"

"The sport out here is a predominant part of social life. I have joined a cricket club, and am gradually finding my feet, although play on matting is altogether different from that on turf. The Springboks have great hopes of beating the English touring side but I know better, Sir! This point brings me to a request: I would like very much to write up the Tests played at Johannesburg and send back an English boy's view of the games."

"Both my father and I have settled down admirably and have made many new friends. We correspond regularly with relations and friends and look forward eagerly to our mail from home."

"The thing that strikes the settlers here immediately is the colour question. This argument has many points of view and often provokes bitter quarrels among friends. It is a question to be settled by time and not by argument. However, we as Englishmen are naturally fascinated. . . ."

\* \* \* \* \*

The following letter from *D. V. Cowlishaw* (1941-47) will perhaps show that the spirit of adventure and personal initiative is not yet dead!

Gibraltar Airways Ltd.,  
Bland House,  
Tangier,  
North Africa.

23rd October, 1948.

Dear Mr. Clarke,

I just thought you might like to know how I got on after leaving the "Hayes News," where I had been working for 13 months. I left because I was generally bored and, taking all my savings out of the bank, went first to Paris. I had expected to take up a position on a magazine in New York but as I found I



hadn't enough money for the fare after a week in a hotel in Paris, decided to go to Gibraltar, which, as a British garrison, ought, I thought, to be able to offer me work of some kind.

In order to conserve what little cash I had, I hitch-hiked all the way to Bordeaux, where I was told I would have to have my photograph taken, get a special letter of recommendation from the British Consul and other details gone into before the Spanish authorities would allow me to pass through Spain. Because I could not afford to stay at a hotel that long, I decided to carry on hitch-hiking cross-country to Marseilles where I hoped to work my passage to Gibraltar. At Marseilles there was no boat to Gibraltar but one to Tangier, so I took it. Tangier is not very far across the Mediterranean from Gibraltar. I arrived at Tangier at 10 o'clock on October 17th with the equivalent of exactly 6/3d. in my pocket, so immediately had to start looking for work. (I have been staying at the hotel on credit). I was rather lucky for I obtained a receptionist-cum-shorthand-typist's job at the above firm on the second day.

As the firm has been in existence for only a year and intends later to open branches in Australia, Canada, etc., I think it certainly offers prospects. The Manager, a Mr. Waller, was educated at Eton and knows Slough very well.

Tangier is a very interesting place. Everything, food, etc., is very cheap and plentiful, and nothing is rationed. The local cigarettes are 2½ pesetas (6d.) for 24, and are very strong I am told, and not liked by Europeans. English Players, Gold Flake, etc., are the equivalent of 2/- for 25, and there are also American cigarettes. Grapes are 9d. a pound and watches and other jewellery one-fifth the price of that in England. It's nearly always very hot and people go about in all kinds of queer garbs and togas, and mostly without anything on their feet except bits of rags.

Well, I hope you do not mind my writing to you, and hope Mr. Wall reads this as it was to further my knowledge of French I learnt under his tuition that I first went to France.

All the best,

DAVID V. COWLISHAW.

It is hoped that other Old Boys will send us their news, and that they will use these pages as a means of keeping in touch not only with their friends who have now left School, but also with their friends who remain always at School.

\*\*\*\*\*

## THE OLD PALUDIANS

*Report on the Annual General Meeting for 1948:*

Many Old Paludians and friends attended the Annual Cricket Fixture between the School and Old Boys, held on Saturday 17th July, 1948. Tea was provided in the School Hall at 4.30 p.m. Unfortunately, the weather was against us, and a heavy downpour of rain began at tea-time. This undoubtedly prevented many members from attending the meeting at 7 p.m.; there being about 30 present.

A report on the previous year's activities was presented. This showed that a greater number of Old Boys had displayed interest during the year. The number who became registered members for the year was 107, but this represented only a fraction of those connected with the various sports sections and the social organisation. Thanks to Mr. Clarke, a Catering Licence was obtained for the supply of Football, Hockey and Cricket Teas.

The following officials were elected for 1948-49: President (*ex-officio*): The Headmaster; Chairman: Mr. J. Collin; Secretary: Mr. S. W. Jones; Treasurer: Mr. E. W. Earl; Committee: Messrs. Grosch, Cordery, Warr, May, Ford, Hedge.

### *Social Events:*

The Social Sub-Committee made great headway with its organisation. Fourteen dances were held during the year, all at the Dolphin Hotel. There is no doubt that the most successful was the New Year's Eve Dance. Approximately 250 Old Pals and friends were present, and the balance of the Social Fund was increased substantially. As a token of appreciation for his years of service to the Old Paludians, a presentation was made to Mr. E. P. C. Smith, the former Secretary.

There were two trips to the Ice Hockey at Wembley, and a very enjoyable

evening was spent at the Prince of Wales Theatre watching Sid Field in "Harvey." A relaxation from the present austerity, was provided by the lavish settings of "Latin Quarter" at the London Casino.

*Annual General Meeting, 1949:*

By the time of publishing, this meeting will have taken place. It is hoped that the majority of boys leaving school this term will become Old Paludians. A report on the meeting will be printed in the next edition of the *Swan*.

### *Increase of Activities:*

Two new sections of the organisation have been formed during the past year—Hockey and a Junior Club. Both have proved extremely successful, and reports appear elsewhere in the magazine.

S. W. JONES (*Hon. Secretary*)

## OLD PALUDIANS FOOTBALL CLUB

The Club ran three teams during the 1948-49 season with varying success, and has decided to enter two teams in the Old Boys Football League in the coming season. This may seem to be a retrograde step, but will I hope be a temporary phase only. It is due to the fact that lads now leaving school who join the Club are called up for their National Service period and are lost for a year or two.

Until these lads are released from their training period and have rejoined the Club, we are short of players. It is hoped that all those boys leaving school at the end of the Summer Term and who are interested in playing soccer, will contact the Team Secretary, Mr. F. Biggs, of 105 Stoke Road, Slough. This will enable them to play in the practice matches which are to be held early in September.

We wish to express our thanks to those boys, still at school, who helped us out at the end of the season, and assure them of a cordial welcome to the Club strength when they leave. A young committee has been elected, many of them known to the older boys at the School, and it is felt that with the assistance of the Junior Club many boys will now become "Old Paludian" minded and rally to our Club.

In this way only will the Club continue, as our members are drawn solely from Old Boys of Slough Grammar School.

H. J. CORDERY (*Hon. Secretary 1948-49*)

## OLD PALUDIANS HOCKEY CLUB

In September 1948, a few ardent spirits met in a classroom of the Grammar School to discuss the formation of a Hockey Section of the Old Paludians. They were all boys who had learned their hockey at the School, and had kept it up in their service days, to return to a civilian life which seemed to offer little opportunities in this branch of sport. The suggestion that the Old Paludians should carry on with a game in which the School had excelled, seemed to follow naturally enough.

Practice matches were held, and gradually a team emerged which suffered very few changes during the subsequent season. We were helped greatly during the whole season by the School in the matter of equipment, without which we should have been in very poor financial straits from our inception. The main problem, that of a pitch, was solved by the great kindness of the Girls Section of the Old Paludians, who offered to let us use the one which they had booked for the season, on those days when they played away. Without this offer, our plan would have fallen to the ground from the start. Fixtures, at that time in the season were not easy to arrange, but after a while nearly a full season was obtained. The first game, against a Sunday XI of Richings Park Club, set a standard of scoring which we endeavoured, with some success, to maintain; the result being a 6-0 win. But it was not until a late stage of the season that the team learnt to play together. This was on the occasion of the second game against Halton R.A.F. Apprentices, when we recorded a 2-0 win.

The Club has, however, maintained a very good record during the whole season, losing only 5 games out of 20, with 1 drawn. The mixed team has been even more successful, losing only 1 game and drawing 1.

We would like to pay tribute to the playing qualities of the Girls Section, and hope that our next season will be just as happy and successful.

#### Full Results:—

Played 27, Won 19, Drawn 2, Lost 6: Goals for 96, against 29.  
Principal goal scorers were J. May, J. Nicole, R. Ford, H. B. Murgatroyd, P. B. May, and J. Devonshire. J. M. MABBOTT (*Hon. Fixture Secretary*)

### OLD PALUDIANS CRICKET CLUB

#### 1948 Season:

This, our second season since reforming after the war, was most successful and enjoyable; the only slight set-back being the weather, a number of games being either postponed or abandoned.

During the winter months, the Club held its first Annual Supper, a fore-runner of many such pleasant evenings to come.

#### 1949 Season:

This season promises to be most successful—to date we have played six matches, lost one, drawn one, won four.

We have an excellent fixtures list, totalling 30 games, and all the members are looking forward to the annual match on June 18th with the two School Elevens.

Once again we are indebted to our President, Mr. E. R. Clarke, for the use of the School nets for practice, and the ground for home matches during the School holidays. Some idea of the keenness of members can be judged by the numbers in the nets on Monday and Thursday evenings.

May we take this opportunity of extending a welcome to new members, and say that we are always pleased to see present members of the School at practice.

W. J. GRIFFITHS (*Hon. Secretary*)

### OLD PALUDIANS JUNIOR SOCIAL CLUB

This Club, which vies with the Hockey Section in age, was formed last September. At the beginning of that month, a meeting was called by the Secretary of the Old Paludians to consider if a club could be formed from those who had just left school, together with the Sixth and Upper Fifth Forms. The idea behind the formation of such a club was to attract as many boys as possible, when they had left school, into the various activities of the Old Paludians. These activities for those who are interested, are hockey and football in the Winter, cricket in the Summer, and dancing all the year round.

A Club was formed and met every alternate Friday. At the beginning, activities were restricted through lack of games materials, but in January, amongst other things, the Club was able to afford a full-size table-tennis outfit. Refreshments of a superior quality were available through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Charman, and have been enjoyed by all. A dancing class was also incorporated, and was attended by an average of 20 boys, this being about half the membership of the Club.

Now that Summer and the light evenings have arrived, tennis has been added to the list of attractions, and except on rainy Fridays, the court is very well used.

During the Winter, two Socials and Dances have been held by the Club, both of which have proved to be financially and otherwise successful. In addition a Dance will be held at the end of term on Saturday, July 23rd from 7.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. A coach trip to a London show was organised recently, which proved to be a great success.

Since last September, the same committee has held office, as was elected at that time. Of these, the Treasurer is to be thanked for his services to the Club; as is also Mr. S. W. Jones, the Old Paludians General Secretary, who is also our Chairman. The members of the Committee are as follows:

R. H. Fidler (*Hon. Treasurer*), P. Bailey, A. J. Lucas, C. J. Thompson, A. Mabbott (*Hon. Secretary*).

Three members of the Club were co-opted on to the Committee for social purposes only. They are D. Admans, G. Burdett, I. Ferguson.

A. MABBOTT (*Hon. Secretary*)

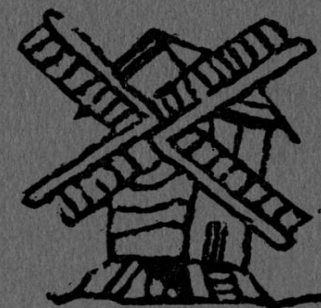
## CONTENTS—continued

### A SCHOOL ANTHOLOGY

	<i>Page</i>
Quel Beau Temps! by J. Bradley (UVa) .....	16
Holiday in Holland, by D. Hossack (UVI) .....	17
My First Bicycle Ride, by A. Robson (UVb) .....	18
The Mountain Stream, by R. E. Day (UVa) .....	18
The Midnight Mail, by M. Griffiths (IIa) .....	18
The Clock, by B. Scard (IIb) .....	19
The Burning Barn, by R. P. Antill (IVa) .....	19
Piggy-Wig, by H. Phillips (IIb) .....	19
The Animals, by H. Phillips (IIb) .....	19
Fifth Form Servitude, by D. J. Bester (UVb) .....	20
The Seasons, by N. Patchin (IIb) .....	<i>Facing Page 20</i>

### LINO - CUTS

	<i>Facing Page</i>
House Shields .....	4
A Flowing Sail, design by D. Brecknell, cut by A. W. Abbott .....	5
Sunrise, by B. Cheeseman .....	8
Lakeland Scene, by A. P. Carr .....	16
Time and Tide, by R. Oliver .....	17
At Sea, by A. Muir .....	20
Rehearsal, by Reinhard Paesler .....	21
The Windmill, by A. P. Soar .....	<i>Endpiece</i>



A. P. SOAR, LVC